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United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships[1] and concurs with the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[2]

[1] A/57/133.
[2] A/57/7/Add.6.

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Inter-organizational security measures: framework for accountability for the United Nations field security management system

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Inter-organizational security measures: framework for accountability for the United Nations field security management system"[1] and concurs with the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in that regard.[2]

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[1] A/57/365.
[2] A/57/7/Add.11.

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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Proposed donation of assets to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed donation of assets to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

(b) Approves the donation of assets to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as proposed by the Secretary-General.

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[1] A/47/449.
[2] A/57/486.

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Reports of the Secretary-General considered under agenda item 112 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003)

Draft decision I
Conversion into established posts of some temporary assistance posts financed under section 2 of the programme budget

The General Assembly, takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the conversion into established posts of some temporary assistance posts financed under section 2 of the programme budget[1] and concurs with the observations and recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.[2]

Draft decision II
Cases in which incumbents of the posts are being paid at a level other than the one provided for the post

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on cases in which incumbents of the posts are being paid at a level other than the one provided for the post;[3]

(b) Reiterates paragraph 7 of its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001;

[1] A/57/473.
[2] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. I.
[3] A/57/466.

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(c) Concurs with the observations and recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General.[4]

Draft decision III
Presentation of estimates of staff assessment

The General Assembly, takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the presentation of estimates of staff assessment[5] and concurs with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.[6]

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[4] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. II.
[5] A/57/464.
[6] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. III.

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Development Account

The General Assembly,

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account[1] and concurs with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to clearly indicate the role of projects funded from the Development Account vis-à-vis those funded from section 21 (Regular programme of technical cooperation).

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[1] A/57/360.
[2] A/57/7/Add.5.

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Experience in applying the revised administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO in its decision 53/411 B

The General Assembly decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the experience in applying the revised administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO in its decision 53/411 B of 18 December 1998[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and to endorse the recommendations contained therein.

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[1] A/C.5/57/14.
[2] A/57/7/Add.10.

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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Procurement reform

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/214 B and 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 52/212 B of 31 March 1998, 52/252 of 8 September 1998, 53/204 and 53/208 B of 18 December 1998, 54/14 of 29 October 1999 and 55/247 of 12 April 2001,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on procurement reform[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Stressing the importance of ensuring the safety of United Nations personnel and United Nations equipment,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[1] and of the comments and observations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Welcomes* the progress achieved in addressing the concerns expressed by the General Assembly in resolution 55/247;

3. *Welcomes also* the efforts made by the Secretary-General to hold procurement seminars in various cities, in particular those located in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and urges him to intensify his efforts in this regard;

4. *Notes* the activities of the Common Services Procurement Working Group on enhancing the transparency and increasing the harmonization of procurement practices and encourages the Secretary-General and the executive

[1] A/57/187.
[2] A/57/7/Add.1, paras. 2-9.

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heads of the United Nations funds and programmes to continue their work in this regard;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to encourage the organizations of the United Nations system, consistent with their respective mandates, to improve their procurement practices, inter alia, by simplifying the registration process for vendors that have already registered with another body of the United Nations system, utilizing, among other things, the Internet and by placing their procurement information on their respective web sites;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to encourage the organizations of the United Nations system, consistent with their respective mandates, to take further measures to increase procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, also through the technical assessment of vendors, that air safety standards are met for all United Nations air transport operations and, where feasible, for freight forwarding;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the United Nations Secretariat and affiliated funds and programmes fully implement all recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Board of Auditors regarding procurement, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that, on matters relating to procurement in the field, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations follows the principles of objectivity and impartiality while advising the Procurement Division;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit, through the Office of Internal Oversight Services, to the General Assembly, no later than at its fifty-ninth session, a report on safeguarding air safety standards while procuring air services, in particular in the area of cargo airlifts, for the United Nations peacekeeping missions;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the present resolution, as well as on all other aspects of procurement reform, no later than at its fifty-ninth session.

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Plan to increase the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 163 of its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001, by which it requested the Secretary-General to bring the financial arrangements of the United Nations Office at Nairobi into line with those of similar United Nations administrative offices,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the plan to increase the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi[1] and endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[2]

2. *Welcomes* the intention of the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen the United Nations Office at Nairobi and urges him to increase the regular budget component of the Office in future bienniums so as to ensure that the Office is able fully to execute programmes and activities within its mandate;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the provisions of the present resolution in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

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[1] A/57/362.
[2] A/57/7/Add.3, sect. A.

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Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations[1] and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[2]

(b) Adopts the revised Financial Regulations, as set forth in the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General;

(c) Decides that the revised Regulations shall become effective on 1 January 2003.

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[1] A/57/396.
[2] See A/C.5/57/SR.26.

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Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

(b) Decides to continue consideration of the question of the comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat during its fifty-eighth session, under the items entitled "Human resources management" and "Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005";

(c) Requests the Secretary-General to include, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, more information on the question of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat, in the light of the views expressed by Member States, and in particular to provide a comparison of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat with those of other multilateral organizations not covered in the report of the Secretary-General, as well as with those of some Member States, and the percentage share of each grade.

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[1] A/57/483.
[2] A/57/7/Add.14.

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Results-based budgeting

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on results-based budgeting for the biennium 2002-2003[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and endorses the approach outlined by the Secretary-General in paragraph 57 of his report;

(b) Also takes note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the implementation of all provisions of General Assembly resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000 on results-based budgeting,[3] and supports the approach to be followed by the Secretary-General, as outlined in paragraph 46 of that report;

(c) Notes with appreciation the efforts made to date by the Secretary-General in implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 55/231;

(d) Takes note that the issues addressed in the above-mentioned reports of the Secretary-General and the OIOS are relevant to some measures outlined in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change".[4]

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[1] A/57/478.
[2] A/57/Add.14.
[3] A/57/474.
[4] A/57/387 and Corr.1.

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Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

The General Assembly:

(a) Having considered the Note by the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

(b) Approves the request for a subvention of $227,600 from the regular budget of the United Nations to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research for 2003.

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[1] A/C.5/57/4.
[2] A/57/7/Add.7.

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Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations

The General Assembly:

(a) *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

(b) *Decides* to continue consideration of this question at the main part of its fifty-eighth session in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report providing a comparative analysis of the practice followed by other international organizations in this regard for consideration at the main part of its fifty-eighth session.

[1] A/57/471.
[2] A/57/7/Add.14, paras. 10-12.

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Capital master plan

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/249 of 23 December 1999, 55/238 of 23 December 2000, 56/234 and 56/236 of 24 December 2001 and 56/286 of 27 June 2002,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the capital master plan,[1]

Having also considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note with concern* of the hazards, risks and deficiencies of the current condition of the United Nations Headquarters complex and concurs with the Secretary-General that a decision on viable solutions must be made to ameliorate those conditions;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the capital master plan;[1]

3. *Also takes note* of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and endorses the observations and recommendations contained therein, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Welcomes with appreciation* the offer of support from the City and State of New York and acknowledges their efforts to make possible the implementation of the capital master plan;

Scope of the capital master plan

5. *Decides* to implement the capital master plan on the basis of the baseline scope under the first approach to phasing and swing space, with a projected

[1] A/57/285.
[2] A/57/7/Add.4.

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construction budget of $1,049 million,[3] a variance of plus or minus 10 per cent, that is, a range currently estimated at $944.1 to $1,153.9 million, a proposed construction start date of October 2004 and a construction duration of five years;

6. *Notes* that the projected budget should be increased by up to $144 million, should the Assembly decide to implement any of the scope options referred to in operative paragraph 11 below;

7. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed with the remaining design phases of design development and construction documentation, bearing in mind the provisions set out below;

Baseline scope

8. *Approves* the implementation of the baseline scope as amended by the exclusion of the proposed new large conference room and multi-function hall in the parking garage;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session plans for the three additional conference rooms foreseen in the baseline scope, including the information used to determine the need for such additional space and the size of each room;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include in these plans viable solutions for allowing natural light into the rooms, with a view to ensuring occupationally healthy conditions;

Scope options

11. *Approves* the inclusion in the design documents of the proposed scope options for security, redundancy and contingency and sustainability within the design work for the capital master plan, without prejudice to the final decision to be made by the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session with regard to the scope options to be included, and also approves the contingency plans for retaining the proposed new large conference room and multi-function hall in the parking garage of the United Nations Headquarters complex;

Swing space

12. *Endorses* the proposal of the Secretary-General, in line with the first approach to phasing and swing space, to complete the negotiations with the City of New York for the construction and lease purchase of a new United Nations consolidated building on a section of the Robert Moses Playground, including the cost of providing alternative park amenities for the community to compensate for the loss of part of the playground;

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[3] $1,049 million with a variance of plus or minus 10 per cent assuming a construction start date of October 2004 and reflecting a baseline scope estimate of $991 million, a swing space estimate of $96 million, a decrease of $17 million in respect of previously approved security measures, a decrease of $57 million in respect of the exclusion of a new large conference room and multi-function hall in the existing complex and the addition of $36 million in respect of the inclusion of the replacement of the curtain wall.

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include a permanent large conference room and a permanent multi-function hall in a design of the new United Nations consolidated building;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that, in addressing the design of the United Nations consolidated building, the necessary security and environmental parameters are respected;

15. *Approves*, in principle, the approach of the Secretary-General that the acquisition of the United Nations consolidated building will be made through a lease purchase agreement with the United Nations upon the expiry of which the building and the land on which it stands would be owned by the United Nations;

Parking

16. *Takes note with concern* of the existing difficulties with regard to the availability of parking at the United Nations;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study all viable options to ensure sufficient parking spaces so as to meet existing and future needs of diplomatic missions and Secretariat staff within the projected overall budget of the capital master plan, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session in the context of its consideration of the capital master plan;

Management and oversight

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to put in place strict control standards for all phases of the plan prior to and during its implementation, defining the precise refurbishment work to be done and the technical results to be achieved so as to ensure that there are no cost overruns associated with the overall project, that the project is completed successfully within the envisaged time frame and budget and within the agreed technical specifications, that there are financial penalties for contractors in the case of non-respect of deadlines and that there is a guarantee that will ensure the long-term quality of the work undertaken;

19. *Concurs* with the intention of the Secretary-General to establish an independent and impartial advisory board, as outlined in paragraph 66 of his report,[1] and requests him, in establishing the board, to reflect wide geographical representation;

20. *Takes note* of the information included in paragraph 75 of the report of the Secretary-General,[1] and of the fact that the Board of Auditors, in order to avoid a conflict of interest, did not assume responsibility for the validation of initial project costs;

21. *Stresses* in this regard the importance, as a matter of transparency, for the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on such situations;

22. *Also stresses* the importance of oversight with respect to the development and implementation of the capital master plan, and requests the Board of Auditors and all other relevant oversight bodies to initiate immediate oversight activities and to report annually thereon to the General Assembly;

23. *Takes note* of annexes II and III to the report of the Secretary-General[1] and requests the Secretary-General to issue a corrigendum that will reflect the

current organizational structure of the Secretariat for managing the capital master plan both at present and over the course of its implementation;

Appropriation and funding

24. *Decides* that a special account for the capital master plan should be established and requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements in this regard, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 6.6 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

25. *Decides* to appropriate $25.5 million to the special account for the capital master plan for the biennium 2002-2003, in accordance with the relevant resolutions on the scale of assessments applicable for the biennium 2002-2003, for design and related project management and management of pre-construction services for the baseline scope and scope options;

26. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments of up to $26 million for the biennium 2004-2005 to provide for the remaining work, related project management and management of pre-construction services for the baseline scope and scope options;

27. *Welcomes* the preparedness of the Secretary-General to initiate a campaign to encourage and secure private donations;

28. *Reaffirms* the importance of continuing efforts to secure financial resources from the public and private sectors for upgrading facilities and equipment, including the participation of private companies in infrastructural improvements, where such participation has no financial implications for the Organization, and also reaffirms that the acceptance of any donation should conform to the international and intergovernmental character of the Organization and should be in full compliance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

29. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on:

(a) The status of possible funding arrangements, including a financial package to be provided by the host country;

(b) Other contributions, and on his efforts to secure such contributions from public and private sources;

(c) All aspects of the outcome of negotiations with the City and State of New York;

(d) The progress of the design work;

Procurement

30. *Requests* the Secretary-General, considering the need to continue to explore ways to increase procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to take the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 54/14 of 29 October 1999 and 55/247 of 12 April 2001 on procurement reform fully into consideration in the implementation of the capital master plan;

31. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to it on an annual basis on the awarding of contracts for procurement for the capital master plan;

Final provisions

32. *Decides* that none of the provisions of the present resolution, with the exception of paragraphs 24 to 26 and all requested design specifications, are binding in the event that the City and State of New York cannot fulfil their commitments to the capital master plan and if the host country does not offer a financing package to cover the project, described in operative paragraph 5 above;

33. *Decides* to revert to the issue of the financing of the capital master plan at its fifty-eighth session;

34. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it annual progress reports on the implementation of the capital master plan.